



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Pat Quinn, Governor

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The Honorable Anne Quinlan  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20024

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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 262X) - - Union Pacific Railroad Company  
~ Abandonment and Discontinuance of the Elm Industrial Lead in Fulton  
and Peoria Counties, IL**

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources filed a request for Public Use Condition and a request for Interim Trail Use Condition (NITU) for approximately 24.7 miles of railroad between milepost 461.5 near Middle Grove and milepost 486.2 at Molitor Junction, in Fulton and Peoria Counties. By order dated November 13, 2008, the Board granted the request to implement interim trail use and to permit public use negotiations as specifically set forth in the order, for a period of 180 days commencing from November 13, 2008, and ending on May 12, 2009. On May 9, 2009, the Department filed a request for a 180 day extension, and by order dated May 11, 2009, was so granted, extending the negotiating period from May 12, 2009 to November 8, 2009.

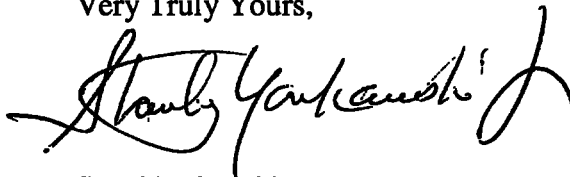
The Department continues to compile information in efforts to satisfy our negotiating needs, and has been in direct contact with Union Pacific; however, we do not believe that the parties will be able to finalize negotiations by the end date of the order. Therefore, the Department respectfully requests the Board to grant a 180 day extension until May 10, 2010, or such time so indicated by the Board.

Enclosed please find the original and ten (10) copies of this letter. Also, it is my understanding that the filing fee of \$450.00 is waived for State Agencies requesting extension of NITU negotiations as to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 262X) Union Pacific Railroad Company. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the self-addressed stamped envelope.

We are also sending a copy to Union Pacific Railroad Company, by US Mail, postage prepaid, first class, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please contact me should you have and questions or concerns.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Yonkausk", followed by a large, stylized flourish.

Stan Yonkausk  
Legal Counsel  
Illinois Department  
of Natural Resources

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Enclosure